

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just can't help but comment on Senator Dworak's comments. He says that it is more harassment of industry and business. I want to remind him that business and industry asked for this bill. I will remind him also that Senator DeCamp and I carried the bottle bill with him, not very successfully, along with Senator Fowler, Bereuter, Senator Mills, I believe, that bill didn't move. This is part of an answer. It is kind of interesting that Senator Hoagland would propose an amendment that would make it a little more workable and Senator Hoagland who usually wants to expand the tax base was going to reduce the tax base and double the rate of tax. Now that is a little bit the reverse of the usual Senator Hoagland procedure. It is kind of interesting and I think it is a point to be well noted that there are certain people here who are coming to the defense of industry and business who are generally on the other side. I think that it might behoove you to take a little bit closer look at this. Let's advance the bill and let the thing work. We were told in the committee that it was not working, the facts are that it is working. I think that we should give it a chance to work with these amendments that had been adopted and advanced in LB 965.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I'll close, is that right?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: All right, I am closing. Mr. President, with regard to some of the comments of Senator Dworak, let's put everything on the table again. Senator Dworak's presentation this year in support of the bottle bill came to the committee and the allegation on the record, the allegation very strongly was this tax only raises about \$120,000 and it is going to cost you \$115,000 or \$120,000 per year to administer. The truth came out during the hearing. Complete discrediting of every bit of the testimony. The tax raises four or five times that much. They were using one quarter figures. The administrative costs are a fraction of that in the future because most of the money was start up cost. Now, the problem in the past, any legislation that you pass, you can have flaws when you move into a new area. Who had to pay this tax and who received all of these forms, this is what this bill straightens out. It makes sure, it makes sure, for example, that people below a hundred thousand are not involved. The only people taxed under this bill, and you show me another tax in the entire